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Betty Foy Sanders
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Patricia (Pat) Walker - SAVANNAH - Patricia (Pat) Walker, 65, an artist and professor of painting at Georgia Southern University, died of breast cancer on Friday, January 16, 2015, at Hospice Savannah.

A memorial service in her memory will be held on February 21, 2pm, at Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, 1008 East Henry Street, Savannah.

Pat was born in Pittsburgh, PA, to Thomas and Twila Walker, and was the youngest of three sisters. She received her M.F.A. from Cornell University (1987) in Painting, a B.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design (1985) in

Painting and an A.A. from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh (1970) in Illustration.

The majority of her career was spent teaching and as a professor, Pat was a mentor and professional role model for many students. As a professional painter, Pat's work has been shown in more than (70) juried, invitational and solo exhibitions across the Southeast as well as nationally and internationally.

As one friend said, "Pat's painting process was one of building layers upon layers on the canvas, and she really lived her life that way. She added layers and layers of beauty, humor, meaning, and depth to everything she did, and she shared that with everyone she loved."

Pat is survived by her best friend and loving husband of 14 years, John Mitchell; her sisters Janice Johnston and Linda Clark; and her niece and three nephews, as well as the countless friends, neighbors, students and colleagues who loved her. Her smile, laugh, witty comebacks and compassionate embraces will be missed by her family and many friends.

Remembrances can be made to the *Patricia J. Walker Memorial Scholarship* at Georgia Southern University, [Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art](#), PO Box 8032, Statesboro, Georgia 30460; or [Hospice Savannah](#), P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416.

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